THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Monday, the 3rd May 1948.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at eleven of the clock, Mr. President (THE HON. SRI R. B. RAMAKRISHNA RAJU) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Weightage for teachers employed under local bodies.

* 85 *Q.*—SRI H. M. JAGANNATHAM (on behalf of Sri R. Suryanarayana Rao): Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the weightage for teachers employed under the municipalities and local bodies has been given effect to;

(*b*) whether any municipality or local body has expressed its inability to give effect to instructions regarding weightage issued by Government;

(*c*) whether the Government propose to assist such municipalities and local bodies with special grants for the purpose; and

(*d*) whether it is a fact that in respect of other servants of municipalities and local bodies the Government have compelled them to give effect to instructions regarding the weightage issued by them?

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—"(*a*) & (*b*) Twenty-one district boards and sixty-four municipal councils have granted advance increments to teachers in elementary schools. The remaining district boards and municipal councils could not grant advance increments to teachers in elementary schools due to paucity of funds. The Government have decided not to insist on these local bodies granting advance increments in the current year. The question however will be reviewed later on when their finances improve.

In the case of teachers employed in secondary schools under local bodies, the Government instructed all Special Officers of District Boards and Executive authorities of Municipal Councils to grant advance increments without any claim for arrears.

"(*c*) The decision of the Government is that the expenditure connected with the grant of advance increments to teachers in elementary schools should be met from the funds of the local bodies concerned and that no subsidy should be paid for the purpose, but only advances which should be recovered in instalments. As regards teachers in secondary schools, the question whether the additional expenditure involved to local

bodies in the grants of advance increments and consequent refixation of pay of these teachers in secondary schools should be taken into account for purposes of assessment of teaching grant on half the net cost basis will be considered separately.

"(d) The grant of weightage by way of advance increments has been made obligatory in respect of other servants of municipal councils and district boards."

Assessment of grants taking into account the revised scales of salaries to teachers.

* 86 *Q.*—Sri H. M. JAGANNATHAM (on behalf of Sri R. Suryanarayana Rao): Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government promised to take into account revised scales of salaries given to teachers under aided managements for the purpose of assessing grants;

(*b*) whether revised rates have been given even retrospective effect in many cases;

(*c*) whether the Government have since withdrawn their assurance and the managements have been forced to rely on their own resources;

(*d*) whether the Government are aware that many managements have no resources sufficient to meet this extra expenditure; and

(*e*) whether representations have been received on the matter and how they have been disposed of?

The Hon. Sri T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—

"(*a*) It is presumed that the question relates to aided secondary schools. Expenditure on payment of salaries as fixed in the revised scales will be taken into account for purposes of assessment of teaching grants.

"(*b*) Managements of aided secondary schools were advised to adopt at least the revised scales of pay fixed for teachers in secondary schools under local bodies from 1st January 1947. In cases where the managements have not so adopted the revised scales, the Government have decided to insist on the revised scales being adopted from 1st June 1947.

"(*c*) No. The Government have since ordered also that if the managements have allowed advance increments in the revised scales of pay adopted by them according to the principles laid down for the grant of such increments either in the Government scales or in the local bodies' scales, the expenditure incurred on payment of salaries as refixed in the revised scales will be taken into account for purposes of assessment of teaching grant.

"(*d*) No. To enable the managements to meet the additional expenditure involved in the adoption of the revised scales the